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WATER WORKS!

Brightest Day in the History of Richmond.

THE COUNCIL CLOSES THE CONTRACT TO TAKE WATER FOR THE CITY.

The Contract Signed and Arrangements Being Perfected.

SOUTHERN AND EASTERN CAPITAL TO THE RESCUE.

The Gas Works Consolidate With the Water Works and will be Enlarged.

RICHMOND'S FUTURE FIXED UPON A FIRM FOUNDATION.

A broad foundation for Richmond's future growth and prosperity was laid on yesterday, when the City Council decided to accept the proposition of the Water Works Company to furnish the city with water. The decision of the Water Works Company to build or not to build depended upon the action of the Council. Our City Fathers recognized the fact that the welfare of their constituents was in their hands, and said, "Give us water."

The Council assembled Tuesday night to consider four propositions from as many different companies. Mayor Collins occupied the Chair, and Councilmen Brooks, Rice, Smith and Caperton were in their places. City Clerk Greenleaf read first the proposition of the Richmond Water Works Company, and then the others. To all present, the first proposition appeared the best. But all were of great length, and their numerous provisions were confusing. It was clear that the Council was in favor of water. But Councilman Smith suggested that, as he had been absent for several months, and in consequence not familiar with the situation, that the Council adjourn until next day to give him an opportunity to examine closely the several propositions. Councilman Caperton also said he would like to have further time. The Council then adjourned to 11 o'clock the following day.

At the appointed hour, the City Fathers met in their chamber at City Hall, and proceeded at once to business. Representatives of the several water works companies were present. The Council announced that the proposition of the Richmond Water Works Company had their preference, but they desired certain amendments, and specified them. The representative consented, and the amended proposition was thereupon accepted.

The water proposition was followed by a gas proposition, and they were accepted together.

The stock of the Richmond Water Works Co., that of the Richmond Gas-Light Co., and also that of the Richmond Electric Light Co. had been purchased by a syndicate of Southern and Eastern capitalists, and the syndicate had agreed to build water-works and enlarge and improve the gas-works, provided the city would accept a proposition to use water and gas lights.

With the decision of the Council therefor, the three properties passed into the hands of the syndicate, and Richmond was launched on the high seas of prosperity.

Hereunder we give the contracts in substance:

GAS PROPOSITION.

The Gas Company agrees to erect a gas works of sufficient size to manufacture and distribute 75,000 cubic feet of gas per day with a holder capacity of not less than 25,000 cubic feet to begin with. Gas to be made of coal, oil, or gas, or of any material hereafter proved an improvement on existing methods.

To increase the size of its main pipes on

the principal streets, and extend present system to not less than five miles of main, to erect gas lamp posts and lanterns, burning five-feet of gas per hour, and to keep them燃.

To furnish gasometer, &c., to enable the city to detect failure, to supply gas as per contract.

To deduct for failure to supply gas as per contract.

To extend mains as the growth of the city requires; the city to rent one post for each 250 feet of main at an annual rental of \$25 for all additions.

To supply gas for citizens at not exceeding \$250 per 1,000 feet; and city offices at 10 per cent less.

To allow the city to purchase the gas works at the end of ten years, or the end of any five years thereafter; the price to be fixed by arbitrators, if not otherwise agreed upon.

The city to pay the Company \$3,000 per annum in quarterly installments.

To revise the price for street lamps every five years so as to accord with prices paid in towns of similar size and service.

Contract for ten years only.

WATER CONTRACT.

The Water Company Agrees:

To erect a system of water-works for the purpose of supplying the citizens of Richmond with water for domestic, municipal and other purposes.

To lay at least six miles of pipe in city limits, equal to a pressure of 300 pounds per square inch and to be 12 to 4 inches in diameter.

To establish not less than 60 fire hydrants, and to supply them constantly with water.

To furnish an adequate supply of as good wholesome, pure water as can be obtained from some desirable source.

To erect brick or stone pumping station, pumping engines, machinery, &c., to pump not less than 2,500,000 gallons of water per day. Boilers of 50-horse power and all machinery of good make and standard pattern.

To erect stand pipe 20 feet in diameter and 47 feet high, to contain at least 100,000 gallons of water, and of sufficient altitude to throw water through 50 feet of hose 75 feet high on Main street in front of the Court House, without engine pressure, or go feet with engine pressure, and also to a capacity to throw 5 to 6 streams at once.

To furnish water to citizens for domestic and manufacturing, and other purposes, at reasonable rates, not to exceed the following schedule:

First spigot per annum..... \$1.00

Each additional spigot..... 3.00

Bath tubs (cold)..... 4.00

Water closets..... 6.00

Urinal..... " additional each..... 4.00

Barber's Shampoo..... 4.00

Restaurants or Saloons..... 25.00

Hotels, special rates, or meter at 25 cents per cubic foot.

Laundries, special rates, or by meter.

Public Bath houses, same as laundries.

Bakeries same as laundries.

Sprinkling hose 1/2 inch nozzle & 50 feet of hose \$12 per annum, or \$2 per month, to be used only two hours per day.

No sprinkling after dark or on other premises.

Fountains, 1/2 inch nozzle 4 hours per day, \$2 per annum.

Livery and Boarding stables, including privilege of washing carriages &c. \$20 to \$2 per annum.

Steam boilers per horse-power, 12 hours per day, \$5 per annum.

Brick, stone or plastering per barrel of lime or cement, 10 cents.

Wetting brick to cents per 1,000.

In no case where meters are used shall the charge be less than \$20.

For all other uses not herein specified, the prices shall be within the discretion of the Water Co.

The city to be supplied with water for springing streets at 15 cents per 1,000 gallons.

To extend water mains on a guarantee of \$50 revenue for every 300 feet and the city renting one hydrant at \$50 provided that the number shall reach 100, each additional hydrant shall be \$10.

To furnish water without charge at all times for twenty-one years for one drinking in front of court house, to the city offices, and engine house, and fire department; for four water-clothes—each in one yard; to flush the sewers once a week. In consideration of the above, the company shall be exempt from city taxes for five years.

To repair all damages to streets & to change grade of pipes &c.

To begin work within 60 days.

To furnish a satisfactory bond in the sum of \$10,000 as a guarantee of faithful execution of work.

The city, after ten years, to have privilege of buying water-works at a price to be agreed upon or fixed by arbitrators.

The city to pay \$3,000 per year, quarterly payments, for the go hydrants.

WHAT IT MEANS.

Water Works in Richmond mean more than anything she has ever had.

It means an abundant supply of water for residences, for grounds, for business houses, shops, mills, factories and all similar institutions.

It means protection against fire and reduction of insurance rates.

It means the destruction of dust and the quenching of the thirst of persons and animals.

It means a powerful inducement to capital to come and invest in our midst.

It means a pressing invitation to people to come and live among us.

It means the building up of our schools and colleges.

It means an increase in every kind of business.

It means the lifting of the old machine out of the ruts.

It means the ability to accom-

plish more in every direction than is possible without water-works.

It means vastly better sanitary arrangements, and consequently the destruction and removal of filth.

It means under ground sewerage, instead of surface drainage.

It means cleanliness, which is next to godliness.

Members of Madison Club have made up \$5 for their old janitor, Charley Blythe, to buy a swell breakfast before he is hung.

Congressman McCreary is on the list for U. S. Senator to succeed Mr. Beck, and his chances are bright.

Rev. O. D. Henderson, of Station Camp, was here on Wednesday. He looks well and continues to preach.

Water will be so common in Richmond before long that it won't be fashionable to drink it.

OSSIAN'S PET 'COON.

It Is Fond of Good Things to Eat and Drink—On a Sprout

SSIAN LINDELEY owns a pet 'coon, and is constantly saying that nobody ever had so much fun as he has had since he got it. June last when the 'coon was captured. Mrs. Lindley, Ossian's mother, is especially pleased that she ever had so much trouble with a four-legged pet on a two-footed foot, for that matter, as she has had since that 'coon became a member of the Lindley family.

The Lindleys live in what is known as the Green Clearing, a farm that was once the property of Ossian's grandfather, many years ago, about a mile back in the big woods from the narrow clearing that runs up the banks of the West Canada. The house is one of the few good frame houses located on the West Canada, and it is a dooryard, on which is a large log cabin, the old log cabin of the Lindley family.

Ossian is a boy of fourteen. One day last June he was fishing down the doohnut brook and got so interested in it that he did not notice how low it was in the afternoon. It was getting dark, and he got into a dainty cake nearest him. In this hole he found a boy. He looked so very comical that the boy sat down on the nearest chair and laughed till the tears came, and even Mrs. Lindley, vexed as she was to see the boy brought with her good things, had to laugh.

Monteith Ossian, was training it as dogs are trained. It was taught to sit upon its haunches and fold its paws when told that it was time to pray. It would sit on the window-sill, its back like a chair, and its paws like a chair, and at the same time spread the fur on its ringed tail in a way that was interesting. It learned to sit upon its haunches and fold its paws when told that it was time to pray. It would sit on the window-sill, its back like a chair, and its paws like a chair, and at the same time spread the fur on its ringed tail in a way that was interesting. It learned to sit upon its haunches and fold its paws when told that it was time to pray. It would sit on the window-sill, its back like a chair, and its paws like a chair, and at the same time spread the fur on its ringed tail in a way that was interesting. It learned to sit upon its haunches and fold its paws when told that it was time to pray. 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